GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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FAST-TRACK MEGA FOREST PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any plan to set up Fast-Track Mega Forest Project in the country as reported in 'The Times of India' dated September 10, 2007;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the time by which the above project is likely to be approved and implemented;

(d) the proposed sources of funding for this project;

(e) whether the Government proposed to merge the National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board with this project; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d) The forestry project by the name 'Green India Project' is under examination of the Central Government. The modalities of the Project are being formulated in consultation with related Ministries and Departments.

(e) & (f) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to change the status of the National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board.